

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application. The Office Action has been considered. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of the allowability of the claims over the prior art. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for the courtesies shown during the telephone interview of July 7, 2010. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that he had discussed the objection to claims 17-19 with his supervisor, and that they would withdraw it upon filing of a response. Additionally, the Examiner indicated that claim 16 would be rejoined, since it depends from allowed claim 1. For the record, as indicated in the Interview Request Form, emailed to the examiner on July 6, 2010, the Applicant disagreed with the objection. Under *In re Moelands*, 3 USPQ2D 1474 (BPAI 1987), claims 16-19 are believed to be proper dependent claims, which further limit the claims from which they depend.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection of record. Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and early notice to this effect is most earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-628-5197.

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